

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR MADAGASCAR

Deadline to submit proposals: August 12, 2015

The Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA) supports civil society and governments to work together to solve critical governance challenges in developing countries. To achieve this objective, the GPSA provides strategic and sustained support to CSOs' social accountability initiatives aimed at strengthening transparency and accountability. It builds on the World Bank's direct and ongoing engagement with public sector actors, as well as a network of Global Partner organizations, to create an enabling environment in which citizen feedback is used to solve fundamental problems in service delivery and to strengthen the performance public institutions. Through a country-tailored approach, GPSA-supported activities are implemented in sectors where the World Bank has a strong involvement and can help governments respond to citizen feedback.

The GPSA works to "close the loop" by supporting citizens to have a more articulated voice, helping governments to listen, and assisting government agencies act upon the feedback they receive.

The GPSA is pleased to announce its 3^{nrd} Global Call for Proposals. In Madagascar, the GPSA seeks proposals for Social Accountability initiatives and programs from Civil Society Organizations to address one or all of the following:

- ⇒ Develop and implement social accountability mechanism to evaluate, improve and monitor the transparency and quality of procurement by all public entities (central and regional level). The result and information produced will support the Ministry of Finance and Budget and the ARMP's (Procurement Regulation Authority) efforts to improve transparency of the procurement process, to improve control and to reduce corruption.
- ⇒ Improve accountability of health and education services by monitoring (i) the use of funds at local level (eg. subsidies to community teachers' salaries, school grants and school kits distribution, equipment for health center, etc...) and (ii) the quality of service delivery compared to expected norms and standards. The information produced will be used by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health to adjust policy.
- ⇒ Develop and implement social accountability mechanisms in partnership with either the Ministry of Finance and Budget and/or the Ministry of State for Infrastructure, Land Management and Presidential Projects to evaluate, improve and monitor the quality of services such as (i) customs and tax administrations; (ii) treasury, pay and pensions administration; or (iii) land administration. The information will be used by Ministry of Finance and Budget and Ministry of State for Infrastructure, Land Management and Presidential Projects to improve service delivery and also guide sectoral policy.

Following the GPSA's approach, it is expected that the information produced will also be used by other public sector institutions beyond the Executive, including Supreme Audit Institutions, legislative bodies, independent regulatory agencies, and other oversight bodies.

In order to be considered, proposals must demonstrate clearly that:

- 1. The project will push the boundaries from pilots to large-scale interventions that may be replicated country-wide;
- 2. The project will explore the ownership and sustainability of social accountability mechanism developed even after GPSA support;

- 3. The proposed intervention is related to ongoing initiatives focusing on similar objectives. It should identify the value added of GPSA support;
- 4. It proposes clear mentoring and partnership with other CSOs (local and national) and community-based organizations.
- 5. The project will generate information that is needed to complement existing processes already supported by relevant public institutions.

GPSA supports proposals that:

- Have an estimated duration of 3 to 5 years, in order to enable sustained and strategic funding for Social Accountability;
- To find out the indicative funding range for the 3rd Global Call for Proposals, please visit our website at www.thegpsa.org

<u>Eligible CSOs:</u> Legal entities that fall outside the public or for profit sector, such as non-government organizations, not-for-profit media organizations, charitable organizations, faith-based organizations, professional organizations, labor unions, workers' organizations, associations of elected local representatives, foundations and policy development and research institutes.

Applying CSOs must provide proof of legal status in one of GPSA's eligible ("opted-in") countries.

Please review the GPSA Application Guidelines for details about how to apply for a grant, eligibility requirements, selection criteria and selection process.

If you are interested in applying please visit www.thegpsa.org to read the GPSA Application Guidelines and to access the application forms.

For information on the Orientation Session organized by the World Bank offices in Madagascar please contact:

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Orientation Session:

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